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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

In the Matter of	)	
	)	Administrative Action
	)	
LAWRENCE P. McDONOUGH	)	
	)	CONSENT ORDER
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey Board of Dentistry ("Board") upon information that Lawrence McDonough ("respondent") was engaged in the practice of dentistry in this State without holding a current registration. Respondent did voluntarily cease the practice of dentistry in March of 1998 and notified the Board that his license had lapsed. The Board, after review of its records, determined that respondent does not hold a current registration and has not held a valid registration since at least 1993 notwithstanding that he engaged in the practice of dentistry from that date up through March, 1998. It now appears that respondent wishes to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings. The Board, after consideration of the above, and for good cause shown, has determined that the entry of this Order adequately protects the interests of the public. Therefore,

IT IS ON THIS <sup>on</sup> 16 day of July, 1998

AGREED AND ORDERED:

1. Respondent shall cease and desist from engaging in the practice of dentistry in this State unless he holds a valid, current registration. Such registration shall be issued by the Board upon entry of this Consent Order.

2. Respondent shall successfully complete the following continuing education within the time frame set forth in this paragraph:

a. For the 1993-1995 renewal period: nine (9) credits to be completed by December 31, 1998, respondent having previously submitted proof of completion of thirty-one (31) credits for that period;

b. For the 1995-1997 renewal period: forty (40) credits to be completed by December 31, 1998.

c. For the 1997-1999 renewal period: forty (40) credits to be completed by December 31, 1998.

Respondent shall complete the attached continuing education report and proof of attendance as proof of successful completion of the required course work. A separate form shall be completed for each course and forwarded to Agnes Clarke, Executive Director, Board of Dentistry, P.O. Box 45005, Sixth Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

3. Respondent shall, contemporaneously with his signing of this order, pay the reinstatement fee of \$200.00, the current licensing fee of \$60.00, and the late fee of \$100.00, by certified check or money order payable to the State of New Jersey and

7. The Board finds that respondent's submissions do not provide any reason to schedule an evidentiary hearing and that he has failed to provide any reason for the Board to modify or dismiss its provisional order.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent, by failing to comply with the Final Decision and Order entered on May 7, 1997, which had been served upon him and of which he had knowledge, committed professional misconduct in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h), and N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4

#### DISCUSSION

This Order finalizes the Board's Provisional Order entered on July 17, 1998. By its terms, the provisional order gave respondent the opportunity to request modification or dismissal of that order. Respondent has failed to persuade the Board that the provisional discipline is not warranted. Twice in two years, respondent has failed to comply with the provisions of Board orders and the Board can offer no further extensions. In its Order of May 1997, the Board advised respondent in no uncertain terms that his continued recalcitrance would subject him to the immediate and indefinite suspension of his license to practice dentistry in this State. The language of the order was unequivocal and its warning was unmistakable. Respondent has admitted that he failed to comply and has offered nothing new by way of mitigation for his failure to abide by the terms of that order. Even provided one final opportunity to comply by virtue of this Board's Provisional Order, respondent has failed to meet his obligations. There is no excuse for his failure.

forwarded to Agnes Clarke, Executive Director, New Jersey Board of Dentistry, at the address in paragraph 2 above.

4. Respondent shall, contemporaneously with his signing of this order, pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000 which reflects a penalty for practicing without a current registration in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h). Payment shall be made by certified check or money order, payable to the State of New Jersey and forwarded to Agnes Clarke, Executive Director, Board of Dentistry, at the address in paragraph 2 above.

5. If, upon receipt of reliable information, including but not limited to an affidavit of counsel or board staff, the Board determines that respondent appears to have violated any term of this Consent Order, including a requirement that continuing education hours be completed by a specific date, the Board may, in addition to any other penalty authorized by law, upon three days notice to respondent, suspend respondent's license to practice dentistry in this State until such time as respondent has satisfied the terms of this Order.

New Jersey Board of Dentistry

By: Valentine P. Bloch  
Valentine P. Bloch, D.D.S.  
President

I have read and understand the terms of this Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I consent to the entry of this Order.

Lawrence P. McDonough  
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